57. Al-Muhsi
(The Counter)

"Allah counts your breaths, not just your prayers. Live every moment in awareness that each heartbeat is recorded in His book."

- Sahl al-Tustari (818-896 CE)
Source: "Tafsir al-Tustari"
(Tustari's Commentary on the Quran)

The recitation of this Beautiful Name of Allah 20 times daily and blowing on twenty pieces of bread will cause Allah to make the entire creation subservient to the reciter, Insha Allah - Al Hisnul Hasin

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Asmaa ul Husna

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The Most Beautiful Names of Allah ﷻ

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AL-MUHSI ﷻ (THE KEEPER OF COUNTS ﷻ)

Ihsaa refers to something which is encompassing. Al-Muhsi ﷻ is that Being whose knowledge encompasses everything. Neither can the most minute object slip past His knowledge ﷻ, nor can gigantic objects render Him unable to encompass its knowledge. Al-Muhsi ﷻ is that Being who witnesses all that which is apparent, and is fully aware of all that which is hidden. Al-Muhsi ﷻ is that Being who observes your every external breath, and who perceives all your internal senses.

In Surah Jinn, Allaah ﷻ states, وَاَحْصٰى كُلَّ شَيْءٍ عَدَدًا "And He keeps a count of everything." This means that it is only the Being of Allaah ﷻ whose knowledge encompasses the count and tally of everything. He ﷻ is aware of the amount of particles of all the mountains, of every drop in all the oceans of the world, of the drops of rain falling on the surface of the earth, and of the number of leaves on all the trees.

Anas ﷺ reported that Rasulullaah ﷺ passed by a Bedouin, who was engaged in duaa during his salaah, and was reciting the following words, "O that Being whom eyes cannot see, whom minds cannot fathom, whom none cannot describe, whom vicissitudes of time cannot change, and who does not fear calamities. He ﷻ knows the weight of mountains, the mass of the ocean-water, the number of drops in the ocean, the quantity of rain-drops, the amount of leaves on the trees, and the measure of all things which the night brings darkens upon and the day brightens. Neither can one sky conceal from Him ﷻ another sky, nor can one earth obscure from Him ﷻ another earth. The ocean cannot conceal from Him that which lies within its depths, and the mountain cannot hide from Him that which lies within its rocks. Make the best portion of my life the last portion, the best action of mine the final action, and the best day of my life the day I meet You."

Nabi ﷺ instructed a person to bring this Bedouin to him when he had completed his salaah. When he came to Nabi ﷺ, Nabi ﷺ presented to him a piece of gold which he ﷺ had received as a gift from a certain mine, and then said, " I have presented this gold to you since you have praised Allaah ﷻ in a most beautiful manner." (Mu'jamul-Awsat)
This Bedouin praised Allaah ﷻ with such words which comprehensively expounds on this beautiful name, Al-Muhsi ﷺ.

In this manner, all man's actions, good and evil, are kept recorded by Him ﷻ. His knowledge encompasses everything. Allaah ﷻ states,

وَكُلَّ شَيْءٍ أَحْصَيْنَاهُ كِتَابًا

And We have encompassed everything, in writing.

This means that Allaah ﷻ has kept a record of all their actions in their book of deeds.

Whoever has this conviction that he is being watched, his every action is being logged, his every word which emerges from his mouth is being recorded, then this person will take stock of his every movement. As soon as he notices any fault, he will engage in repentance and seeking forgiveness. The reason for this is that when this belief enters the crevices of his heart that Allaah ﷻ's knowledge encompasses everything, and that He ﷻ is aware of man's every condition, then he will regard himself to be under examination at every moment.

The system of Al-Muhsi ﷻ is fascinating and strange. You will not find in any corner of the world a five hundred year old man who has been forgotten by the angels. Every person who comes into the world is granted a specific amount of breaths. Neither does he breathe any less, nor any more. This is the accounting system of Allaah ﷻ.